— Security Protection for all the Quarters.

(a) to (f) The Indian Institute of Science is a Demand University and is managed by an independant Governing Council. The Institute has stated that the meetings of the Negotiation Committee of the Institute with the employees are held regularly and at periodical intervals, and that the employees are aware of the position on each of the demands and constraints of the Institute in conceding some of them.

Introducing second M.A. Economics Programme in Jawaharlal Nehru University

2290. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi is proposing to start a second M.A. Economics programme in its School of International Studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for having two parallel programmes on the same subject in the University;

(d) how much additional resources would be required for the proposed programme;

(e) whether an attempt has been made at a rationalisation of the present programme to correct any perceived imbalances to save scarce resources; and

(f) whether any discussion has taken place in the Academic Council of the said University, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. Jawaharlal Nehru University has decided to institute M.A. (International Economics) programme in the School of International studies of the University.

According to the information furnished by the University, the newly instituted M.A. (International Economics) programme is not parallel to the one being offered by the School of Social Sciences as the thrusts of the two programmes are at variance with each other as also the course structure. However, when the matter was discussed by the Academic Council of the University in its meeting held on 11-5-90, the Vice-Chancellor stated that while formulating the course contents for the newly instituted M.A. (International Economics) programme, the School of International Studies may hold consultation with the School of Social Sciences with a view to avoiding duplication and overlapping to the extent feasible and also to ensure that available expertise is put to optimum use.

The University has not finalised the financial requirement for starting the programme.

International conference on environment protection

2291. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an international conference on environmental protection of the Himalayas was held in Delhi in April, 1990; and

(b) if so, the main points discussed therein, and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No, Sir. The said Conference was held in Delhi on 30th-31st March, 1990, by the Himalayan Adventure Trust, New Delhi in collaboration with the Indian Mountaineering Foundation.